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Public asked to help make Washington a healthier, safer place

Health boards, commissions, and committees need citizen participation

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health is looking for members of the public to serve on a variety of health-related boards, commissions and committees. There are 24 such groups accepting applications; they include the Board of Physical Therapy, Athletic Training Advisory Committee, Board of Pharmacy, Dental Quality Assurance Commission, Board of Massage, Veterinary Board of Governors, and others.

“This is an opportunity for citizens to have a voice in their government, and to influence the health and safety of our state,” says Karen Jensen, assistant secretary for the department’s Health Systems Quality Assurance division. “Governor Chris Gregoire and Secretary Mary Selecky take great pride in appointing qualified, responsible members who reflect Washington’s diversity.”

Many of the groups have immediate vacancies; others need a pool of qualified candidates for future openings. Appointees must be citizens of the United States and residents of Washington. Regular meeting attendance is an expectation of service and is vital to the success of each team. Members are reimbursed for certain expenses related to travel and are compensated for time spent at meetings and other approved activities.

[Information and applications](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/BCC.htm) (www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/BCC.htm) are available on the agency website or by calling 360-236-4887.

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